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SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT: PREPARATORY

MEETING SLATED FOR MEXICO IN SEPTEMBER

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1. ACCORDING TO JULY 19 PAK NEWS AGENCY REPORT FROM GENEVA GIVEN FRONT-PAGE NEWSPAPER COVERAGE HERE, THE G-77 PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS HAS ACCEPTED PAKISTAN'S PROPOSAL FOR A PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE HELD AT MEXICO IN SEPTEMBER AT THE MINISTERIAL OR AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE PAK MOVE IS EXPECTED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR CONVENING THE THIRLD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING PROPOSED BY PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. THE HIGH-LEVEL MEXICO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 13-21 AND WILL BE PRECEDED BY A PREPARATORY MEETING OF OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 9-11.

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2. COMMENT: SINCE PM BHUTTO ANNOUNCED HIS SUMMIT PROPOSAL IN PYONGYANG IN MAY, THE GOP-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS BEEN ACCELERATING ITS TREATMENT OF THE PROPOSAL, STRESSING THE NEED FOR THE CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF THE "FAILURES" OF NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS IN UNCTAD, ECOSOC AND HOW CIEC IN PARIS. THE SUMMIT IS SEEN AS A MEANS TO UNITE THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS TO EXERT MORE EFFECTIVE PRESSURE ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ACCEDE TO LDC DEMANDS FOR DEBT RELIEF AND FOR "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." THE DISTURBING ASPECT IS THAT THE GOP, WHICH HAS HERETOFORE ALWAYS DESCRIBED ITSELF AS A MODERATE ELEMENT IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, MAY NOW BE DRIFTING CLOSER TOWARDS THE RADICALS, OR AT LEAST RISKING PLAYING INTO THEIR HANDS, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CONTENTION THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IS FOUNDERING THEREBY PROVING THE NEED FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING.

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